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**2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND ESSAY CONTEST**

The NJMA locally wants socially and professionally connect physicians of color to discuss and act on issues that matter most to members. The organization's members want to battle health care disparities thru advocacy, education and service to community. This Scholarship specifically aims to encourage and elevate students interested in medicine but additionally to create opportunities for sustained intergenerational mentorship between African- American students and African American physicians.

**The New Jersey Medical Association is inviting NJ students in high school, college and medical school to apply for 2023 scholarship celebrating the future of medicine based on categories below.**

**Winners will be determined by the NJMA scholarship committee.**

**The scholarships will be announced and awarded at our  
Scholarship and Networking Banquet  
April 26, 2023 6:30- 9:30 pm  
at the Newark Museum  
Newark, NJ**

**Students must attend to receive a monetary prize.**

**Scholarship Application**

**NJ resident:      \_\_\_yes    \_\_\_no**

**Student National Medical Association (SNMA) Member \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Address: \_\_\_\_\_**

**School currently attends: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Grade: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Best Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Email: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Parent/ Guardian info:**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Best Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Email: \_\_\_\_\_**

## High School Graduates Candidates (class of 2023)

500 words

**Monetary award: \$ 500.00**

Candidate must be [NJ resident](#)

Topic of Essay: What solutions would you propose to address health disparities that are seen in communities of color in one of these areas: childhood asthma, obesity or mental health.

Or

How can educators better promote STEM Careers (including but not limited to: careers in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, actuary science, physical, occupational, and speech therapy) among Black and Latinx and other under-represented populations?

## College Graduates Candidates (class of 2023)

1000 words

**Monetary award: \$ 750.00**

Candidate must be a [NJ resident](#).

The essay should also indicate the candidates is interested in medicine, science and/or medical research and answer the following question:

What solutions would you propose to address reducing stigma surrounding mental health issues and addressing existing disparities that are seen in communities of color?

## Medical School Students (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year)

1500- 2000 words

**Monetary award: \$ 1000.00**

Candidates should be a member of the student National Medical Association, Matriculated in one of NJ four medical schools and

Write an essay on the topic:

**Data shows that health care disparities can be improved when the primary health care providers are similar / culturally congruent to their patient populations. Discuss the barriers that prevent minority students from entering primary care specialties? Discuss solutions to increase representation of minority primary care providers.**

[The Case for Racial Concordance between Patients and Physicians | Journal of Ethics | American Medical Association \(ama-assn.org\)](#)

**All applicants must submit application and essay no later than March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

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**Applications should be emailed to:  
[njmapresident@gmail.com](mailto:njmapresident@gmail.com)**

**Or Mail postmarked March 17, 2023  
New Jersey Medical Association  
PO Box 378  
West Orange, NJ 07052**

**Recipients will be notified by April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023.  
All applicants will be notified and are invited to attend the  
in-person Scholarship / Networking Banquet.**

**All scholarship recipients must  
attend event in order to receive monetary award and consent  
to be photographed for social media postings.**

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**Anyone attending the in person indoor event must follow local COVID protocols at the time of the event.**

**\*\*\*\*\*Awardees must attend event to receive award\*\*\*\*\***

#### **NMA is a national organization**

The National Medical Association (NMA) is the collective voice of African American physicians and the leading force for parity and justice in medicine and the elimination of disparities in health.

The National Medical Association (NMA) is the largest and oldest national organization representing African American physicians and their patients in the United States. The NMA is a 501(c) (3) national professional and scientific organization representing the interests of more than 50,000 African American physicians and the patients they serve. NMA is committed to improving the quality of health among minorities and disadvantaged people through its membership, professional development, community health education, advocacy, research and partnerships with federal and private agencies. Throughout its history the National Medical Association has focused primarily on health issues related to African Americans and medically underserved populations; however, its principles, goals, initiatives and philosophy encompass all ethnic groups.